What is claimed is:

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1.	A method of providing role-specific views of an aggregated service in a computing
netwo	ork, the aggregated service comprising one or more software resources, the method
comp	rising steps of:

providing a role-specific portlet for each role supported by a particular one of the one or more software resources;

providing linkage between the role-specific portlets and the roles for the particular one of the software resources;

repeating the providing steps for each of the one or more software resources;

obtaining, at run time, a user role corresponding to a user of the aggregated service; and

using the obtained role to programmatically select a corresponding one of the role-specific

portlets for each of the software resources, thereby providing the role-specific view of the

aggregated service.

- 2. The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of rendering the selected role-specific view for the user.
- 3. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the using step further comprises steps of: determining which of the one or more software resources should be invoked to position the user's entry point into the aggregated service; and
 - using the obtained role to programmatically select a role-specific view of the determined software resource.

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- 5. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the user role is determined using the user's identification and credentials.
- 1 6. The method according to Claim 1, wherein user role information is programmatically
 2 relayed among distributed services performed by the software resources of the aggregated service.
 - 7. The method according to Claim 6, wherein the programmatic relaying comprises sending a message which specifies the user role in a header of the message and in which a body of the message identifies that this message is delivering the user role.
 - 8. The method according to Claim 7, wherein the message is a SOAP ("Simple Object Access Protocol") message.
- 9. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the linkage uses XML Linking language ("XLink") syntax.
- 1 10. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the linkage is stored in a portlet archive 2 ("PAR") file.

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11. A system for providing role-specific views of an aggregated service in a computing network, the aggregated service comprising one or more software resources, the system comprising:

means for providing a role-specific portlet for each role supported by a particular one of the one or more software resources;

means for providing linkage between the role-specific portlets and the roles for the particular one of the software resources;

means for repeating, for each of the one or more software resources, operation of the means for providing;

means for obtaining, at run time, a user role corresponding to a user of the aggregated service; and

means for using the obtained role to programmatically select a corresponding one of the role-specific portlets for each of the software resources, thereby providing the role-specific view of the particular software resource.

12. A computer program product for providing role-specific views of an aggregated service in a computing network, the aggregated service comprising one or more software resources, the computer program product embodied on one or more computer-readable media and comprising:

computer-readable program code means for providing a role-specific portlet for each role supported by a particular one of the one or more software resources;

computer-readable program code means for providing linkage between the role-specific portlets and the roles for the particular one of the software resources;

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computer-readable program code repeating, for each of the one or more software
resources, operation of the computer-readable program code means for providing;
computer-readable program code means for obtaining, at run time, a user role
corresponding to a user of the aggregated service; and

computer-readable program code means for using the obtained role to programmatically select a corresponding one of the role-specific portlets for each of the software resources, thereby providing the role-specific view of the aggregated service.

A method of providing role-specific views from a business web content aggregation 13. framework, the method comprising steps of:

aggregating components from one or more content aggregation frameworks; providing a role-specific version of at least one of the aggregated components, for each role supported by the at least one aggregated component;

providing linkage between the role-specific versions and the supported roles; determining a user role corresponding to a current user of the aggregated components; using the determined user role to programmatically select a corresponding one of the rolespecific versions of the at least one aggregated component; and

rendering the programmatically-selected version of the at least one aggregated component, thereby providing the role-specific view.